

Saguaro National Park (East) Naturalist Program Schedule September, 2015

Programs meet at the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center, 3693 S. Old Spanish Trail unless otherwise noted. All programs are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 for updates. See www.nps.gov/sagu for other programs.

September 2, 9, 16, 30 11:00 a.m. Flash, Whoosh, Gush, and Growth: Sonoran Desert Monsoon Rain* Presentation

The summer heat and humidity bring the mighty and sometimes destructive monsoon rain. Saguaros, frogs, and others depend on these drenching afternoons to begin a new season of life in the dry desert. *Wheelchair accessible*.

September 10, 17, 24, 10:00 a.m. **Cactus Caravan** Auto Tour

Begin your exploration of the Cactus Forest Drive with a park ranger and become familiar with some of the common cacti. A great introduction to the park! Program is accessible.

September 12 10:00 a.m. **Build-A-Cactus Workshop** Actvity

Join park staff on the visitor center patio to learn about the park's wide variety of cactus while making your own miniature pinata version of the iconic saguaro! Children of all ages and parents are welcome. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling (520) 733-5153. Wheelchair accessible.

September 16 2:00 p.m. Sharing the Desert's Stories Activity

September 19 *10:00 a.m.*

Children 5 to 10 years of age and parents are invited to come join us in the visitor center auditorium as we bring some iof the Sonoran Desert;'s stories to life. This month's theme will be The Desert Night Sky. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling (520) 733-5153. Wheelchair accessible.

September 19 *3:00 p.m.* **Celebrate International Observe the Moon Night** *Presentation* Join with sky observers all over the world to celebrate our nearest neighbor in space -- Earth's Moon! Casual telescope viewing of the moon and sun will take place at the Visitor Center from 3 to 6 in the afternoon. After dark, more scopes, binoculars, and family-friendly activities will add to the "luna-cy." No reservations required. *Wheelchair accessible.*

September 25 3:00 p.m. Creating Saguaro National Park presentation

Join staff in the visitor center auditorium to discover how abuse, failure, politics, commitment, recovery and the Tucson Garden Club all played a part in creating today's Saguaro National Park. Wheelchair accessible.